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Gustave Stern, Was Editor With Radio Free Europe

Gustave Stern, an editor with the Czechoslovak desk of Radio Free Europe from 1950 until 1961, died Tuesday. He was 78 years old and lived at 511 East 20th Street.

Mr. Stern, who was born in Slivno, Bohemia, at one time was editor in chief of the Viennese newspaper Die Börse.

After the Anschluss, Mr. Stern fled to England, where he worked for the Czechoslovak desk of the British Broadcasting Corporation. He later was an economic adviser to the Czechoslovak government-in-exile and worked closely with the then Foreign Minister, Jan Masaryk.

When World War II ended, Mr. Stern joined the economic division of the United Nations here.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ilsa Kraus; a son, Prof. Peter Stern of Cambridge University, and four grandchildren.